

C1 Surds Answers

Specimen

$$2. \quad \frac{(2\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{10 + 2\sqrt{10} + \sqrt{10} + 2}{5 - 2}$$

M1 (rationalise)

A1 (numerator unsimplified)

A1 (denominator unsimplified)

$$= \frac{12 + 3\sqrt{10}}{3}$$

$$= 4 + \sqrt{10}$$

A1

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2005 Winter

Handwritten solution for a surd problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad \frac{6 + \sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7} - 2} &= \frac{(6 + \sqrt{7})(\sqrt{7} + 2)}{(\sqrt{7} - 2)(\sqrt{7} + 2)} \\ &= \frac{6\sqrt{7} + 12 + \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7} + 2\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{7} + 2\sqrt{7} - 2\sqrt{7} - 4} \\ &= \frac{8\sqrt{7} + 12 + 7}{7 - 4} \\ &= \frac{8\sqrt{7} + 19}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(8\sqrt{7} + 19) \end{aligned}$$

2005 Summer

2. (a) $3\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{5} - 5\sqrt{5} = 2\sqrt{5}$

M1 (attempt to simplify/one correct answer)

A1 (all correct)

A1 (F.T. one slip with answer of form $k\sqrt{5}$)

(b)
$$\frac{(6 + \sqrt{2})(2 - \sqrt{2})}{(2 + \sqrt{2})(2 - \sqrt{2})} = \frac{12 - 6\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} - 2}{4 - 2}$$

M1 (correct rationalising)

A1 (numerator with $(\sqrt{2})^2 = 2$, allow 2×6)

A1 (denominator with no ??)

$$= 5 - 2\sqrt{2} \text{ (allow } \frac{10 - 4\sqrt{2}}{2} \text{)}$$

A1 (F.T. one slip)

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2006 Winter

2. (a) $4\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{3}$
 $= 5\sqrt{3}$

B1, B1, B1

B1 (F.T. one slip, answer of form $k\sqrt{3}$)

(b)
$$\frac{(2 + \sqrt{7})(3 - \sqrt{7})}{(3 + \sqrt{7})(3 - \sqrt{7})} = \frac{6 - 2\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{7} - 7}{9 - 7}$$

M1 (correct rationalising)

A1 numerator with $(\sqrt{7})^2 = 7$, allow 2×3

A1 (denominator with no surds)

$$= \frac{\sqrt{7} - 1}{2}$$

A1 (F.T. one slip)

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2006 Summer

2. (a) $\frac{5 - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} + 1} = \frac{(5 - \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3} - 1)}{(\sqrt{3} + 1)(\sqrt{3} - 1)}$ M1
- Numerator: $5\sqrt{3} - 5 - 3 + \sqrt{3}$ A1
- Denominator: $3 - 1$ A1
- $\frac{5 - \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3} + 1} = 3\sqrt{3} - 4$ A1
- Special case**
If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $a + \sqrt{3}b$
- (b) Removing brackets M1
- $\sqrt{12} = 2 \times \sqrt{3}$ B1
- $\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{3} = 6$ B1
- $(2 + \sqrt{3})(4 - \sqrt{12}) = 2$ (c.a.o.) A1

2007 Winter

2. (a) $2\sqrt{32} + 3\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{18} = 8\sqrt{2} + 6\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{2}$ (one correct) B1
- $2\sqrt{32} + 3\sqrt{8} - \sqrt{18} = 11\sqrt{2}$ (another correct) B1
- (c.a.o.) B1
- (b) $\frac{6 + \sqrt{30}}{6 - \sqrt{30}} = \frac{(6 + \sqrt{30})(6 + \sqrt{30})}{(6 - \sqrt{30})(6 + \sqrt{30})}$ M1
- Numerator: $36 + 30 + 6\sqrt{30} + 6\sqrt{30}$ A1
- Denominator: $36 - 30$ A1
- $\frac{6 + \sqrt{30}}{6 - \sqrt{30}} = 11 + 2\sqrt{30}$ (c.a.o.) A1
- Special case**
If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $6 - \sqrt{30}$

2007 Summer

2. (a) $2\sqrt{8} = 2 \times 2 \times \sqrt{2}$ B1
 $\sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}$ B1
 $\frac{12}{\sqrt{2}} = 3 \times 2 \times \sqrt{2}$ B1
 $2\sqrt{8} + \sqrt{18} - \frac{12}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$ (c.a.o.) B1
- (b) $\frac{5 + \sqrt{15}}{5 - \sqrt{15}} = \frac{(5 + \sqrt{15})(5 + \sqrt{15})}{(5 - \sqrt{15})(5 + \sqrt{15})}$ M1
 Numerator: $25 + 15 + 5\sqrt{15} + 5\sqrt{15}$ A1
 Denominator: $25 - 15$ A1
 $\frac{5 + \sqrt{15}}{5 - \sqrt{15}} = 4 + \sqrt{15}$ (c.a.o.) A1

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $5 - \sqrt{15}$

2008 Winter

2. (a) $\sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$ B1
 $\frac{\sqrt{35}}{\sqrt{7}} = \sqrt{5}$ B1
 $\frac{20}{\sqrt{5}} = 4\sqrt{5}$ B1
 $\sqrt{20} + \frac{\sqrt{35}}{\sqrt{7}} - \frac{20}{\sqrt{5}} = -\sqrt{5}$ (c.a.o.) B1
- (b) $\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{5 + 2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{(2 + \sqrt{3})(5 - 2\sqrt{3})}{(5 + 2\sqrt{3})(5 - 2\sqrt{3})}$ M1
 Numerator: $10 - 4\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{3} - 2 \times 3$ A1
 Denominator: $25 - 12$ A1
 $\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{5 + 2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4 + \sqrt{3}}{13}$ (c.a.o.) A1

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $5 + 2\sqrt{3}$

2008 Summer

2. (a) **Either:**
- $$\sqrt{75} = 5\sqrt{3} \quad \text{B1}$$
- $$\frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} = 3\sqrt{3} \quad \text{B1}$$
- $$\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{2} = 2\sqrt{3} \quad \text{B1}$$
- $$\sqrt{75} - \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} + (\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{2}) = 4\sqrt{3} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) B1}$$
- Or:**
- $$\sqrt{75} = \frac{15}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{B1}$$
- $$\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{2} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{B1}$$
- $$\sqrt{75} - \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} + (\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{2}) = \frac{12}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \text{B1}$$
- $$\sqrt{75} - \frac{9}{\sqrt{3}} + (\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{2}) = 4\sqrt{3} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) B1}$$
- (b) $\frac{5\sqrt{5} - 2}{4 + \sqrt{5}} = \frac{(5\sqrt{5} - 2)(4 - \sqrt{5})}{(4 + \sqrt{5})(4 - \sqrt{5})} \quad \text{M1}$
- Numerator: $20\sqrt{5} - 25 - 8 + 2\sqrt{5} \quad \text{A1}$
- Denominator: $16 - 5 \quad \text{A1}$
- $$\frac{5\sqrt{5} - 2}{4 + \sqrt{5}} = 2\sqrt{5} - 3 \quad \text{(c.a.o.) A1}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $4 + \sqrt{5}$

$$2. \quad (a) \quad \frac{10\sqrt{3} - 1}{4 - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{(10\sqrt{3} - 1)(4 + \sqrt{3})}{(4 - \sqrt{3})(4 + \sqrt{3})} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Numerator:} \quad 40\sqrt{3} + 10 \times 3 - 4 - \sqrt{3} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Denominator:} \quad 16 - 3 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{10\sqrt{3} - 1}{4 - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{39\sqrt{3} + 26}{13} = 3\sqrt{3} + 2 \quad \text{(c.a.o.) A1}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $4 - \sqrt{3}$

$$(b) \quad (2 + \sqrt{5})(5 - \sqrt{20}) = 10 - 2\sqrt{20} + 5\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{20} \quad \text{(4 terms, at least 3 correct) M1}$$

$$\sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{20} = 10 \quad \text{B1}$$

$$(2 + \sqrt{5})(5 - \sqrt{20}) = \sqrt{5} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) A1}$$

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$$(2 + \sqrt{5})(5 - \sqrt{20}) = (2 + \sqrt{5})(5 - 2\sqrt{5}) \quad \text{B1}$$

$$(2 + \sqrt{5})(5 - 2\sqrt{5}) = 10 - 4\sqrt{5} + 5\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{5} \times 2\sqrt{5} \quad \text{(4 terms, at least 3 correct) M1}$$

$$\sqrt{5} \times 2\sqrt{5} = 10 \quad \text{B1}$$

$$(2 + \sqrt{5})(5 - \sqrt{20}) = \sqrt{5} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) A1}$$

2009 Summer

$$2. \quad (a) \quad \frac{8-\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}-2} = \frac{(8-\sqrt{7})(\sqrt{7}+2)}{(\sqrt{7}-2)(\sqrt{7}+2)} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Numerator:} \quad 8\sqrt{7} + 16 - 7 - 2\sqrt{7} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Denominator:} \quad 7 - 4 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{8-\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}-2} = \frac{6\sqrt{7}+9}{3} = 2\sqrt{7}+3 \quad \text{(c.a.o.) A1}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $\sqrt{7}-2$

$$(b) \quad \sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{6} = 3\sqrt{2} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$-\frac{14}{\sqrt{2}} = -7\sqrt{2} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\sqrt{50} + (\sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{6}) - \frac{14}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) B1}$$

2010 Winter

$$2. \quad (a) \quad \frac{2\sqrt{11}-3}{\sqrt{11}+2} = \frac{(2\sqrt{11}-3)(\sqrt{11}-2)}{(\sqrt{11}+2)(\sqrt{11}-2)} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Numerator:} \quad 22 - 4\sqrt{11} - 3\sqrt{11} + 6 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Denominator:} \quad 11 - 4 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{2\sqrt{11}-3}{\sqrt{11}+2} = 4 - \sqrt{11} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) A1}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $\sqrt{11}+2$

$$(b) \quad \frac{22}{\sqrt{2}} = 11\sqrt{2} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\sqrt{50} = 5\sqrt{2} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$(\sqrt{2})^5 = 4\sqrt{2} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{22}{\sqrt{2}} - \sqrt{50} - (\sqrt{2})^5 = 2\sqrt{2} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) B1}$$

2010 Summer

2. (a) $\frac{5\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{(5\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{3})}{(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{3})}$ M1

Numerator: $5 \times 7 + 5 \times \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{3} - 3$ A1

Denominator: $7 - 3$ A1

$\frac{5\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3}} = 8 + \frac{\sqrt{21}}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3}}$ (c.a.o.) A1

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{3}$

(b) $\sqrt{15} \times \sqrt{20} = 10\sqrt{3}$ B1

$\sqrt{75} = 5\sqrt{3}$ B1

$\frac{\sqrt{60}}{\sqrt{5}} = 2\sqrt{3}$ B1

$(\sqrt{15} \times \sqrt{20}) - \sqrt{75} - \frac{\sqrt{60}}{\sqrt{5}} = 3\sqrt{3}$ (c.a.o.) B1

2011 Winter

2. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10-7\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2} \times (10+7\sqrt{2})}{(10-7\sqrt{2})(10+7\sqrt{2})}$ M1

Numerator: $10\sqrt{2} + 14$ A1

Denominator: $100 - 98$ A1

$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{10-7\sqrt{2}} = 5\sqrt{2} + 7$ (c.a.o.) A1

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $10-7\sqrt{2}$

2011 Summer

2. (a) **Either:**
- $$\frac{9(\sqrt{3} + 1) + 7(\sqrt{3} - 1)}{(\sqrt{3} - 1)(\sqrt{3} + 1)}$$
- Numerator: $9\sqrt{3} + 9 + 7\sqrt{3} - 7$ M1
 Denominator: $3 - 1$ A1
 $\frac{9}{\sqrt{3} - 1} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{3} + 1} = 8\sqrt{3} + 1$ (c.a.o.) A1
- Or:**
- $$\frac{9}{\sqrt{3} - 1} = \frac{9(\sqrt{3} + 1)}{(\sqrt{3} - 1)(\sqrt{3} + 1)}, \quad \frac{7}{\sqrt{3} + 1} = \frac{7(\sqrt{3} - 1)}{(\sqrt{3} - 1)(\sqrt{3} + 1)}$$
- (at least one) M1
 Numerators: $9\sqrt{3} + 9, \quad 7\sqrt{3} - 7$ (both correct) A1
 Denominators: $3 - 1$ (both correct) A1
 $\frac{9}{\sqrt{3} - 1} + \frac{7}{\sqrt{3} + 1} = 8\sqrt{3} + 1$ (c.a.o.) A1
- (b) $\frac{90}{\sqrt{3}} = 30\sqrt{3}$ B1
 $\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{8} = 4\sqrt{3}$ B1
 $(2\sqrt{3})^3 = 24\sqrt{3}$ B1
 $\frac{90}{\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{8} - (2\sqrt{3})^3 = 2\sqrt{3}$ (c.a.o.) B1

2012 Winter

2. (a) $\frac{9 + 4\sqrt{2}}{5 + 3\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(9 + 4\sqrt{2})(5 - 3\sqrt{2})}{(5 + 3\sqrt{2})(5 - 3\sqrt{2})}$ M1
 Numerator: $45 - 27\sqrt{2} + 20\sqrt{2} - 24$ A1
 Denominator: $25 - 18$ A1
 $\frac{9 + 4\sqrt{2}}{5 + 3\sqrt{2}} = 3 - \sqrt{2}$ (c.a.o.) A1

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $5 + 3\sqrt{2}$

(b) $\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{10} = 4\sqrt{5}$ B1
 $\frac{\sqrt{90}}{\sqrt{2}} = 3\sqrt{5}$ B1
 $\frac{30}{\sqrt{5}} = 6\sqrt{5}$ B1
 $(\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{10}) + \frac{\sqrt{90}}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{30}{\sqrt{5}} = \sqrt{5}$ (c.a.o.) B1

2012 Summer

2. (a) $\frac{10}{7 + 2\sqrt{11}} = \frac{10(7 - 2\sqrt{11})}{(7 + 2\sqrt{11})(7 - 2\sqrt{11})}$ M1
 Denominator: $49 - 44$ A1
 $\frac{10}{7 + 2\sqrt{11}} = \frac{10(7 - 2\sqrt{11})}{5} = 2(7 - 2\sqrt{11}) = 14 - 4\sqrt{11}$ (c.a.o.) A1

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $7 + 2\sqrt{11}$

(b) $(4\sqrt{3})^2 = 48$ B1
 $\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{50} = 20$ B1
 $\frac{5\sqrt{63}}{\sqrt{7}} = 15$ B1
 $(4\sqrt{3})^2 - (\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{50}) - \frac{5\sqrt{63}}{\sqrt{7}} = 13$ (c.a.o.) B1

2013 Winter

$$2. \quad (a) \quad \frac{6\sqrt{7} - 11\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2}} = \frac{(6\sqrt{7} - 11\sqrt{2})(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2})(\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{2})} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Numerator: } 6 \times 7 + 6 \times \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{2} - 11 \times \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{2} - 11 \times 2 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Denominator: } 7 - 2 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{6\sqrt{7} - 11\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2}} = 4 - \sqrt{14} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) A1}$$

$$\frac{6\sqrt{7} - 11\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2}}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $\sqrt{7} - \sqrt{2}$

$$(b) \quad \frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} = p\sqrt{6}, \text{ where } p \text{ is a fraction equivalent to } \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\right)^3 = q\sqrt{6}, \text{ where } q \text{ is a fraction equivalent to } \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{3}{2\sqrt{6}} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\right)^3 = \sqrt{6} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) B1}$$

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2013 Summer

$$2. \quad (a) \quad \frac{2 + 5\sqrt{7}}{4 + \sqrt{7}} = \frac{(2 + 5\sqrt{7})(4 - \sqrt{7})}{(4 + \sqrt{7})(4 - \sqrt{7})} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Numerator: } 8 - 2\sqrt{7} + 20\sqrt{7} - 35 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Denominator: } 16 - 7 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{2 + 5\sqrt{7}}{4 + \sqrt{7}} = -3 + 2\sqrt{7} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) A1}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $4 + \sqrt{7}$

$$(b) \quad \sqrt{360} = 6\sqrt{10} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\sqrt{2} \times (\sqrt{5})^3 = 5\sqrt{10} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{30} \times \sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{6}} = 2\sqrt{10} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\sqrt{360} - \sqrt{2} \times (\sqrt{5})^3 - \frac{\sqrt{30} \times \sqrt{8}}{\sqrt{6}} = -\sqrt{10} \quad \text{(c.a.o.) B1}$$

2014 Winter

$$2. \quad \frac{3\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}} = \frac{(3\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{5})(2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5})}{(2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})(2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5})} \quad \text{M1}$$

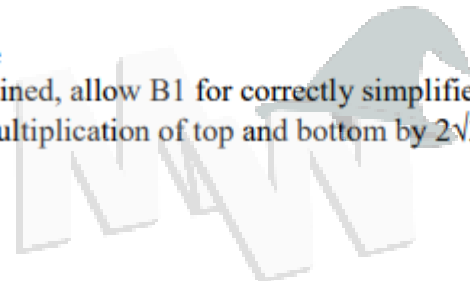
$$\text{Numerator:} \quad 6 \times 3 - 3 \times \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{5} - 4 \times \sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{3} + 10 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Denominator:} \quad 12 - 5 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{3\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}} = 4 - \sqrt{15} \quad (\text{c.a.o.}) \quad \text{A1}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5}$



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2. (a) $\frac{3\sqrt{3} + 1}{5\sqrt{3} - 7} = \frac{(3\sqrt{3} + 1)(5\sqrt{3} + 7)}{(5\sqrt{3} - 7)(5\sqrt{3} + 7)}$ M1
 Numerator: $45 + 21\sqrt{3} + 5\sqrt{3} + 7$ A1
 Denominator: $75 - 49$ A1
 $\frac{3\sqrt{3} + 1}{5\sqrt{3} - 7} = 2 + \sqrt{3}$ (c.a.o.) A1
- Special case**
 If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $5\sqrt{3} - 7$
- (b) $\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{24} = 12\sqrt{2}$ B1
 $\frac{\sqrt{150}}{\sqrt{3}} = 5\sqrt{2}$ B1
 $\frac{36}{\sqrt{2}} = 18\sqrt{2}$ B1
 $(\sqrt{12} \times \sqrt{24}) + \frac{\sqrt{150}}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{36}{\sqrt{2}} = -\sqrt{2}$ (c.a.o.) B1

2015

2. (a) $\frac{4\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{11}}{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{11}} = \frac{(4\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{11})(3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{11})}{(3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{11})(3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{11})}$ M1
 Numerator: $12 \times 2 - 4 \times \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{11} - 3 \times \sqrt{11} \times \sqrt{2} + 11$ A1
 Denominator: $18 - 11$ A1
 $\frac{4\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{11}}{3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{11}} = 5 - \sqrt{22}$ (c.a.o.) A1
- Special case**
 If M1 not gained, allow SC1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{11}$
- (b) $\frac{7}{2\sqrt{14}} = p\sqrt{14}$, where p is a fraction equivalent to $\frac{1}{4}$ B1
 $\left(\frac{\sqrt{14}}{2}\right)^3 = q\sqrt{14}$, where q is a fraction equivalent to $\frac{7}{4}$ B1
 $\frac{7}{2\sqrt{14}} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{14}}{2}\right)^3 = 2\sqrt{14}$ (c.a.o.) B1

2016

$$2. \quad \frac{5\sqrt{7} + 4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7} + 5\sqrt{2}} = \frac{(5\sqrt{7} + 4\sqrt{2})(3\sqrt{7} - 5\sqrt{2})}{(3\sqrt{7} + 5\sqrt{2})(3\sqrt{7} - 5\sqrt{2})} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Numerator:} \quad 15 \times 7 - 25 \times \sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{2} + 12 \times \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{7} - 20 \times 2 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Denominator:} \quad 63 - 50 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{5\sqrt{7} + 4\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{7} + 5\sqrt{2}} = 5 - \sqrt{14} \quad (\text{c.a.o.}) \quad \text{A1}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $3\sqrt{7} + 5\sqrt{2}$

2017

$$2. \quad (a) \quad \frac{5\sqrt{5} - 9}{3 + 2\sqrt{5}} = \frac{(5\sqrt{5} - 9)(3 - 2\sqrt{5})}{(3 + 2\sqrt{5})(3 - 2\sqrt{5})} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Numerator:} \quad 15 \times \sqrt{5} - 10 \times 5 - 9 \times 3 + 18 \times \sqrt{5} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Denominator:} \quad 9 - 20 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{5\sqrt{5} - 9}{3 + 2\sqrt{5}} = 7 - 3\sqrt{5} \quad (\text{c.a.o.}) \quad \text{A1}$$

Special case

If M1 not gained, allow B1 for correctly simplified numerator or denominator following multiplication of top and bottom by $3 + 2\sqrt{5}$

$$(b) \quad (2\sqrt{13})^2 = 52 \quad \text{B1}$$

$$3\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{28} = 42 \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{5\sqrt{99}}{\sqrt{11}} = 15 \quad \text{B1}$$

$$(2\sqrt{13})^2 - 3\sqrt{7} \times \sqrt{28} - \frac{5\sqrt{99}}{\sqrt{11}} = -5 \quad (\text{c.a.o.}) \quad \text{B1}$$